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I. Objectives

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II. Accomplishments

1. Political and Psychological Operations

Long range balloon activities into the USSR achieved some coverage of the Ukraine, principally the areas around Kiev, the Transcaucasus region, and the vicinity of Moscow. Fragmentary reports indicate that leaflets were seen in the areas just south of Moscow. The latest indication of Communist concern over these balloon operations is Soviet Minister Molotov's protests to Chancellor Adenauer that balloons launched at German sites are endangering Russian air traffic.

The NTS (a Russian CIA-supported emigre group) has developed a new propaganda line following the Geneva Foreign Ministers' Conference. In addition to spreading the idea of revolution inside the USSR, NTS is planning propaganda to exploit the USSR's current power struggle and to indicate legitimate means whereby the population can present its demands to the Soviet Regime.

Agency financial support and operational guidance was extended to another segment of the Ukrainian emigration in exile. The Agency thereby gains PW access to another publication distributed among Ukrainian exiles in Free World Areas.

A project to provide financial support to the anti-Communist Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) in the Holy Land was approved during this reporting period. Support to the ROC in Berlin and Tokyo continues.

An evaluation of Radio Liberation's effectiveness in reaching its targets in the Western USSR and Soviet military installations in Europe was made by Dr. Wilbur Schramm for the OCB. He found that the Radio is reaching a small but important audience in the Soviet power structure.

Radio Liberation's pilot broadcasting operation to the Soviet Far East was evaluated as successful and the operation is being strengthened by the addition of a new transmitter.

Negotiations with the Spanish Government for building a transmitter station near Barcelona have continued, and technical planning has proceeded accordingly.

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2. Paramilitary

Certain emigre organizations can present prospective agent candidates for agent infiltration operations. It should be noted, however, that as the years pass, fewer individuals from these groups will be available because of age and physical condition to undertake active missions in support of Hot War objectives.

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III. Problems

1. Political and Psychological Operations

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The problems involved with continuing Agency third country operations based in Germany have been under study for some time. The new West German/Soviet relationship

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has had no appreciable adverse effect on these operations. There is still the possibility that Soviet protests will be made to the West German Government after the Soviet diplomatic mission is established in Germany.

Long range balloon activities into the USSR were suspended on September 24 by order of the Director, following the Bulganin/Adenauer discussion of leaflets allegedly launched from the German Federal Republic into the USSR. Reinstatement of the long range balloon program has been discussed informally with the Department of State which maintains concern over the September incident.

No reliable reports on leaflet/radio reception and effectiveness of content have been received.

Radio Liberation facilities still have neither power nor proper location to overcome jamming.

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2. Paramilitary

Although SR Division has accepted a portion of the USAFE UW requirements projected on a 5 year capability, no present assets are available to support operations directed against these targets.

The current personnel ceiling precludes the implementation of SR Division's two Mission IV PM projects designed to create and train leader/agent cadres for holding outside the target areas, the Baltic States. Unless a major overhauling of SR's entire operational undertaking is achieved, no personnel can be freed from other operational activities to concentrate on Mission IV.

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